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could ask for the investigation but the way it is now, they have to have the investigation and an investigation is not needed. So I would ask that LB 681 be advanced. No amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of the advancement of the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. We are advancing 681 to E & R for review. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 759.

CLERK: (Read title.) The bill was read on January 15. It was referred to the Ag and Environment Committee for public hearing. It is advanced to General File. There are no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this would provide for a compact with the States of Iowa and Missouri and Kansas. There is a lot of interest in these other states. In fact, Missouri had a hearing on this same concept in the House last night and Kansas is working on a bill and so it looks like it is going to go through in the other states and I hope we can pass it here and let these states know that we have taken action and that we are working on this to get it to come about. I move that LB 759 be advanced to E & R initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would ask unanimous consent to have my name added to LB 759.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of the bill. I think we need to commend Senator Maresh for introducing this. I think over the past decade we have realized how many railroads we have lost in Nebraska and, therefore, if we use the river for transporting many of our products I think it will enhance the state to much greater lengths. I strongly urge you to support the bill.